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SUBJECT: VORONEL AND POLSKIY TO LEAVE

1. RELIABLE SOVIET JEWISH SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 12 THAT WELL-KNOW JEWISH "REFUSENIK", PROFESSOR ALEKSANDR VORONEL, HAS BEEN TOLD HE HAS PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL. VORONEL, WHO HAD LEADING ROLE IN TRYING TO ORGANIZE JEWISH SCIENTISTS SEMINAR IN MOSCOW LAST SUMMER, HAS BEEN TRYING TO LEAVE FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. SOURCE ALSO CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT VIKTOR POLSKIY, DESPITE RECENT PETTY HARASSMENT BY AUTHORITIES, WILL LEAVE COUNTRY AT END OF DECEMBER. ANOTHER "REFUSENIK," DR. BELOPOLSKIY, WAS ALSO RECENTLY GRANTED EXIT PERMISSION. LATER CASE IS INTERESTING BECAUSE BELOPOLSKIY'S FATHER IS LEADING MOSCOW ARCHITECT, WELL CONNECTED IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES, WHO HAS TRIED TO PREVENT HIS SON'S EMIGRATION FOR SOME TIME.

2. DESCRIBING OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE, SOURCE SAID ABOUT TEN MOSCOW JEWISH ACTIVISTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN CALLED INTO LOCAL VISA OFFICES, APPARENTLY IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, TO BE TOLD THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT PERMISSION HAVE BEEN DENIED AGAIN.

3. COMMENT: BOTH VORONEL AND POLSKIY HAVE CONTINUALLY CREATED
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PROBLEMS FOR THE REGIME BECAUSE OF THEIR CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN

JOURNALISTS AND RESULTING ADVERSE PUBLICITY ON THEIR CASES IN
WESTERN PRESS. PRESUMABLY THIS HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THEIR
RECEIVING PERMISSION TO LEAVE.
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